



MORTALITY IN HAWAII

# Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer in the Past 20 Years

In February 2023, the Hawai'i Department of Health released [Hawai'i Hepatitis B Mortality and Liver Cancer](#), the first such report ever developed in the state. Below are the main report findings that demonstrate the importance of hepatitis elimination, in alignment with Hep Free 2030.

**Higher rates of liver cancer mortality were also found when comparing Hawai'i to the United States.**

In Hawai'i, higher rates were found among male and/or API residents as well.

## Higher Rates of Hepatitis B Deaths in Hawai'i (2000-2020)

### 3 Times Higher

In 2019, Hep B mortality rate for Hawai'i was **1.17 deaths per 100,000**, compared to 0.42 per 100,000 for the United States.

### Male Residents

Hep B mortality rates for male residents in Hawai'i were **up to 1.7 times state average** from 2000 to 2020.

### API Residents

Hep B mortality rates for Asian and Pacific Islander (API) residents were **up to 1.4 times state average** from 2000 to 2020.

*The full report contains more detailed information including tables and graphs as well as recommendations for improving data capacity to eliminate hepatitis B and related liver cancer in Hawaii. To read the full report, go to <https://health.hawaii.gov/harmreduction/new-hep-b-mortality-article> or [www.hepfreehawaii.org](http://www.hepfreehawaii.org).*